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In re Patent Application of:

Hidemasa Yamaguchi et al.

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U.S. Patent No.: **US 6,801,286 B2**

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For: **LIQUID CRYSTAL DISPLAY DEVICE
HAVING PROTUBERANCE TO
CONTROL LIQUID CRYSTAL
MOLECULE ORIENTATION**

Group Art Unit: **2871**

Examiner: **Tarifur R. Chowdhury**

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Patentees respectfully request a Certificate of Correction to be issued for the above-identified U.S. Patent correcting the patent as noted in the attached "Certificate of Correction" Form PTO/SB/44.

The errors now sought to be corrected are errors which incurred through the fault of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. The correction does not involve such changes in the patent as would constitute new matter or would require reexamination.

In the "Response To February 19, 2003 Office Action," filed June 9, 2003, Applicants amended the title from "Liquid Crystal Display Device," to read -- Liquid Crystal

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Display Device Having Protuberance To Control Liquid Crystal Molecule Orientation --.

Also, the "Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due," dated May 25, 2004, correctly recited the title. A copy of the Response and Notice is enclosed herewith as evidence to show that the error is attributable solely to the Office.

In a "Petition for Corrected Filing Receipt Under 37 CFR §1.181," filed December 28, 2001, Applicants amended the inventor's name from "Hiroakai Ichiawa," to read --Hiroaki Ichikawa--. A copy of the "Updated Filing Receipt," is enclosed herewith as evidence to show that the error is attributable solely to the Office.

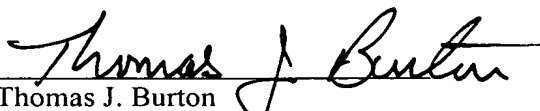
Therefore, the title and inventor's name (Hiroakai Ichiawa) on the issued patent are clearly errors by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. Applicants respectfully request expedited issuance of Certificate of Correction.

The errors set forth in the proposed Certificate of Correction were the fault of the USPTO. Accordingly, no fee is required. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. 19-3140.

Respectfully submitted,

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It is certified that error appears in the above-identified patent and that said Letters Patent are hereby corrected as shown below:

At the cover page, column 1, item (75), "Hiroaki Ichiawa," should read --Hiroaki Ichikawa--.

At the cover page, column 1, item (54), "LIQUID CRYSTAL DISPLAY DEVICE HAVING PROTUBERANCE WITH BASE AREA $\leq 5\%$ OF ONE PIXEL TO CONTROL LIQUID CRYSTAL MOLECULE ORIENTATION," should read --Liquid Crystal Display Device Having Protuberance To Control Liquid Crystal Molecule Orientation --.

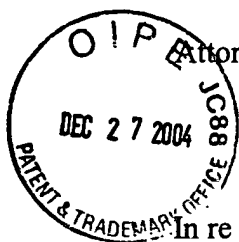
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RESPONSE TO FEBRUARY 19, 2003 OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

This Amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed February 19, 2003.

Applicant respectfully requests amendment of the patent application, and reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims.

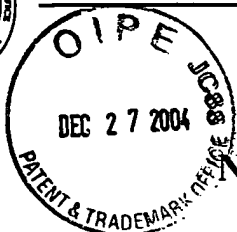
IN THE TITLE

Please amend the title from "LIQUID CRYSTAL DISPLAY DEVICE" to read -LIQUID
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TITLE OF INVENTION: LIQUID CRYSTAL DISPLAY DEVICE HAVING PROTUBERANCE TO CONTROL LIQUID CRYSTAL MOLECULE ORIENTATION

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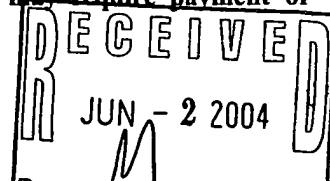
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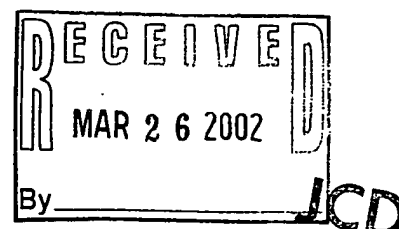
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Liquid crystal display device



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